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SUPPLIES TO TURKEY

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1. PRESIDENT CARTER'S DECISION ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO
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TURKEY RECIEVED PROMINENT, FACTUAL, RELATIVELY CAUTIOUS
TREATMENT IN GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS APR 21-22. NEWS ACCOUNTS,
BASED ON WIRE SERVICE REPORTS OUT OF WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK,
EMPHASIZED THAT RESUMPTION OF ARMS SUPPLY IS CALCULATED TO GIVE
U.S. ADDITIONAL LEVERAGE ON TURKEY IN INTERESTS OF CYPRUS
SETTLEMENT AND FOLLOWS RECOMMENDATIONS OF PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE CLARK CLIFFORD. ALSO STRESSED WERE: STRONG

NEGATIVE REACTION TO RESUMPTION BY GREEK-AMERICAN LOBBY, UN-
LIKELIHOOD OF CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL, NIMETZ STATEMENT THAT
RESUMPTION PRESAGES NO CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY WHICH STILL SUP-
PORTS JUST SETTLEMENT. STORY HAS BEEN PROMINENT ON GOC-CON-
TROLLED CBC RADIO-TV WHERE TREATMENT HAS BEEN OBJECTIVE AND
POSITIVE, STRESSING THAT NO DEPARTURE IS INTENDED IN CARTER'S
POLICY OF PROMOTING JUST SOLUTION.

2. GOC SPOKESMAN RESPONDED APR 21 TO REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL
REACTION WITH "NO COMMENT." HE WENT ON BACKGROUND AS
"AUTHORITATIVE CIRCLES", HOWEVER, TO EXPLAIN THAT PRESIDENT
CARTER'S DECISION IS UNDERSTOOD BY GOC TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN
IN EFFORT TO BREAK CYPRUS DEADLOCK AND TO IMPLEMENT HIS
CYPRUS POLICY. GOC WILL FOLLOW SITUATION CLOSELY AND IF
TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE IS SEEN TO INCREASE AS RESULT, GOC
WILL MAKE STRONG REPRESENTATIONS TO USG. HE EMPHASIZED THAT
ARMS SUPPLY ISSUE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH DCA, WHICH IS NOT
BEING PRESSED AT THIS TIME, NOR WITH ANY POLICY OF FORD-KIS-
SINGER ADMINISTRATION; PRESIDENT'S DECISION IS CONCERNED WITH
SLIGHT CHANGE IN ANNUAL AID LEVEL FOR TURKEY.

3. EDITORIAL REACTION IN GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS APR 22 HAS RANGED
FROM CAUTIOUS TO NEGATIVE. SEMI-OFFICIAL PHILELEFTHEROS, ACK-
NOWLEDGING THAT US FOREIGN POLICY GIVES PRIORITY TO CONSIDER-
ATIONS OF AMERICAN NATIONAL INTEREST AND DOES NOT ALWAYS AGREE
WITH CYPRIOT DESIRES, REFERRED TO AMERICAN THEORY THAT
RESUMED ARMS SHIPMENTS TO TURKEY WOULD INCREASE POSSIBILITY
OF CYPRUS SETTLEMENT AS A "REASONABLE POINT OF VIEW."
PAPER WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT TURKEY IS UNIQUELY UNDEPENDABLE
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COUNTRY AND AMERICAN POLICY WILL BE DISAPPOINTED BY
INCREASED TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE. PRO-LYSSARIDES TA NEA
OBJECTED THAT CONDITION OF PROGRESS TOWARDS CYPRUS SETTLE-
MENT HAS NOT BEEN MET, ARMS SHOULD, THEREFORE, NOT BE
SUPPLIED TO TURKEY AND IF CONGRESS DOES APPROVE SUCH
RESUMPTION IT WILL BE CYNICAL EXAMPLE OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY
TRAMPLING ON CAMPAIGN PROMISES, PRIOR POLICIES. COMMUNIST
HARAVGHI CALLED RESUMPTION "CARTER'S TRICK" SURPASSING
SECRETARY KISSINGER IN ORIGINALITY, AND NO DEPARTURE FROM OLD
FIXED IMPERIALIST GOAL OF NATO-ORIENTED SOLUTION TO CYPRUS
PROBLEM. PRO-SAMPSON MAKHI CLAIMED HELLENISM IS BITTER,
INDIGNANT; PAPER PREDICTED ONLY RESULT WILL BE INCREASED
TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE.

4. COMMENT: WE VIEW GREEK CYPRIOT REACTION TO US POLICY
ON ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY AS RELATIVELY (AND GRATIFYINGLY)
SUBDUED, ESPECIALLY WHEN CONTRASTED WITH HUE AND CRY THAT
SUCH ANNOUNCEMENTS PRODUCED IN PAST. WE ARE AWARE THAT FONMIN
CHRISTOPHIDES INSTRUCTED GOC SPOKESMAN ON LINE TO TAKE WITH

PRESS AND SEE THIS GUIDANCE REFLECTED ALSO IN TREATMENT BY
CBC AND PHILELEFTHEROS.
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